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E.O. 11652; &\$  
5-& : PFOR, OAS, AR  
SUBJECT: FONMIN OFFICIAL REMARKS ON IAHRC MEETING

1. MINISTER JUAN CARLOS ARLIA, DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR FOREIGN POLICY AT THE FONMINISTRY, SPOKE TO EMBOFF MAY 18 ABOUT CURRENT MEETING OF THE INTERAAMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON. ARLIA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT AMCIT NENBER TGINAS FARER (PHONETIC) WAS CONSIDERING PROPOSING THAT THE IAHRC INVESTIGATE ARGENTINA FOR ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. ARLIA SAID THE IAHRC HAD OFFICIALLY PRESENTED TO ARGENTINA 22 CASES OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND THAT 11 OF THE CASES HAD BEEN SATISFACTORILY ANSWERED AND CLOSED. THAT RECORD WOULD NOT JUSTIFY AN IAHRC INVESTIGATION OF ARGENTINA, ACCORDING TO ARLIA, WHO SUGGESTED FARER HAD POLITICAL OR PUBLIC RELATIONS MOTIVES. ARLIA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT IAHRC MEMBERS DID NOT REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENTS OF THEIR COUNTRIES, BUT ASKED UNOFFICIALLY THAT THE EMBASSY INFORM WASHINGTON OF GOA CONCERN OVER A POSSIBLY RASH AND UN-FRIENDLY ACT BY MR. FARER. HE ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FROM GOA TALKS WITH MS. DERIAN, PRESIDENT VIDELA'S MEETING WITH ASST. SECRETARY TODMAN AND OTHER RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY US OFFICIALS THAT THE USG WAS NOT SEEKING CONFRONTATION OVER HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES; TO THE CONTRARY, IT SOUGHT TO MAINTAIN OPEN COMMUNICATION, UNDERSTANDING AND A MUTUAL EFFORT TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF THE SEVERE PROBLEMS FACED BY ARGENTINA.  
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MR. FARER'S MOVE WOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS CONSISTENT WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING, ARLIA SAID, NOR WOULD ARGENTINA CONCEDE TO ANY REQUESTS OR DEMANDS THAT WOULD INFRINGE UPON ITS NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

2. COMMENT: EMBOFF MADE NO COMMENT OR COMMITMENT ON ISSUE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF HOW THIS ISSUE IS

PLAYED OUT IN IAIRC.  
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